Performance of deemed universities

245. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Government Committee has found out that most of the deemed universities in the country are not performing according to the standards expected;

(b) if so, the names of such universities identified and the nature of activities in which they have been found lacking; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve their functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Review Committee constituted by the Central Government to review the functioning of the Institutions declared as 'Deemed to be Universities has submitted its report, which is under active consideration in the Ministry.

Sick MSME in West Bengal

246. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 11,500 micro, small and medium units are sick in the State of West Bengal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that more than 26,000 micro, small and medium enterprises in West Bengal are closed;

(c) if so, the number of people who have become unemployed and the number of families affected due to (a) and (b) above; and

(d) the manner in which his Ministry is planning to address this problem and help the above units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) As per the data compiled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) from the scheduled commercial banks, there were 21,413 sick micro and small enterprises (MSEs) in the State of West Bengal at the end of March 2009. Information in respect of medium enterprises is not being collated by the RBI. As per the quick results of Fourth All India Census of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), out of 60,474 registered MSMEs in West Bengal as on 31st March 2007, the number of MSMEs found closed were reported to be 8,881. Information in respect of people who have become unemployed and the number of families affected due to sickness/closure of MSMEs is not maintained centrally.

(d) The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises does not provide any direct financial assistance for rehabilitation of sick micro and small enterprises (MSEs). However, financial assistance, by way of debt restructuring, including fresh loans, for the rehabilitation of sick MSE is provided by the primary lending institutions (PLIs), including commercial banks, which provide credit to the MSEs. For this purpose, the RBI has issued detailed guidelines to banks in January 2002 on detection of sickness in MSE at an early stage and taking remedial measures and for rehabilitation of